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MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Our March meeting will be **Tuesday, March 28, 2017** in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the Central Branch Library. **Ila Johnson**, teacher & genealogist, will present:

“Using Newspapers to Connect Your Family to History.” Time will be **6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.**

Refreshments begin at 6:00 p.m., with the meeting starting at 6:30.



Old newspapers provide a wealth of insight into history and critical events as they were unfolding. Gone are the days of wading through back issues of newspapers to do genealogy research. Today, the Internet and digitization of old newspapers has made everything just a click away. Ila Johnson will explain how to access newspapers easily at home, your local library, or at your local Family History Center.

ILA FICHTNER-JOHNSON has worked her genealogy over 50 years, starting when her mother took her to courthouses. Her maternal lines are from Pennsylvania but her paternal grandparents are Germans from Russia. Ila has spent the last 20 years researching those Germans from Russia.

Ila currently teaches “Beginning & Advanced Genealogy Using Legacy Family Tree,” “So You Want to Write Your Family History,” and “On-line Genealogy” at TCC’s South campus in the Senior Program. She lives in Fort Worth.



FW LIBRARY NEWS March is Women’s History

Take Advantage of the Free Programs
<http://fortworthtexas.gov/library/news/2013-02-womens-history-month/>

FEBRUARY FWGS MEETING

Judy Ramos knows a lot about Lineage Societies; she belongs to eleven. Judy told us about societies for those with Witch ancestors, Mariners, Whalers, Judges, Lawyers, Tradesmen, Teachers and much more. She discussed the lengths you must research for “proofs”, the documents to prove your data. She also talked about the costs both financial and time involved in joining and then belonging to lineage societies. As an alternative, she also discussed Heritage groups you can belong to with only one-time costs. Preserving knowledge and information about one’s ancestor, seems to be the most important reason to do the research and join these groups. Then forever, your family & ancestor’s information will be preserved in history. Here is link to a list of societies. See if one might fit your family genealogy.

<http://lineagesocietyofamerica.com/list-of-lineage-societies.html>

PARKING IS EASY!

Meters are FREE at 6 PM and you can always park FREE in the 3rd Street Garage (only a block E. from the library door) for 2 ½ hours with your ticket validated at the library desk.

February FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Sat. Mar 18, 2017
10:15 Southwest Regional

Beginners: Sat. Mar 25, 2017
10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm.—Central

Computer Users: Sat. Mar 25, 2017
2:00-4:00 Intel Lab—Central

General Meeting: Tues, Mar 28, 2017
6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Refreshments at 6:00

Refreshments: Sheryl Rascher

Can you do JUNE? debeejay@aol.com

From the Editor



President Don Crews reports several items from the February General Meeting:

1. February *Footprints* is ready to mail, BUT cannot be mailed yet. Renewals have been slow coming this year. With membership numbers down this affects our bulk mail permit. BM minimums must be met or we cannot mail using BM. Without savings from BM, the society would incur much larger postage costs. Another factor is many societies are disbanding or no longer printing a journal. FWGS exchanges our journal with over 85 societies. This number used to be in the hundreds. When we lose an exchange, our BM numbers go down too. This year, it was a double-whammy of slow renewals and loss of society exchanges. **Have YOU renewed?** Every year, FWGS offers a discount to renew by 31 Dec for the next year. This helps keep our mailing numbers up to date and our budgeting on an even keel. Hopefully *Footprints* will mail in early March. It's at the printers now.

2. At the February General Meeting, the membership voted to ratify recent Board decisions to add **Phil Morris** as Historian/Archivist and **Sheryl Rascher** as Director-At-Large to the 2017 Board of Directors. Congratulations to them both. This is Sheryl's first time to serve at FWGS.

Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor

From the FWGS Mail Bag



Center For Texas Studies - TCU & FW Lib

Saturday, March 11th 10:30-12:00 noon

"A Horse of Her Own:

Cowgirls from the Frontier to the Footlights"

by **Joyce Roach**, professor, author, folklorist, & rancher
in **Tandy Auditorium, Central Branch, FWL**

NEXT: Sat, April 8 with **Nola McKey** editor & author

"From Tea Cakes to Tamales: Third-Generation Texas Recipes"

We know we need to preserve our Family History, but do we work to preserve our Family Recipes and Cooking Traditions?

Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD presents

Saturday, March 25, 2017 10 am-12 noon

Presenter:

Brenda McClurkin, archivist, historian, & author

Topic:

"Fort Worth's Quality Hill"

2720 Cullen, 2nd Floor

Fort Worth, TX 76107

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NEXT: Sat, Apr 22—"The Familiar & Not-So Familiar:

Properties Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in Fort Worth" by Susan Kline, historian and author

Lunch Time Lectures @ NARA Noon-1 p.m.

1400 John Burgess Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76140

Training Room

Register at ftworth.education@nara.gov for a FREE space.

Date: **Friday, April 7, 2017**

Topic: **Introduction to Military Records**

Learn how to access, request, & decipher military personnel records stored at the National Archives in St. Louis.

Next: The NARA web site does show another Lunchtime Lecture until **October 3, 2017.**

Topic: **Flight 19: The Lost Squadron.**

Deals with flights lost in the Bermuda Triangle



Who Do You Think You Are? Returns

The TLC network has scheduled the premiere of Season 9 of **Who Do You Think You Are?** for **Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 9 p.m.** (Check your listings)

The Emmy-winning real life series about finding your roots will star **Liv Tyler, Jessica Biel, Courteney Cox, Noah Wyle** and **Julie Bowen** among others.

Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director reports 120 Members.

Welcome to these New Members:

Rona Bryan Owen Christopher K. Hull
Geraldine "Gerry" Veilleux John & Jody Fenslage
Ruth Ann Easter & Mark Albertson

To Join or Send Renewals, Mail to:

Fort Worth Genealogical Society
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March

BEGINNERS CLASSES

Saturday, March 25, 2017

10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Vice President Terri Meeks will lead this 3rd class at the Central Branch Library, in the Chappell Room at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Parking on the street meters & at the 3rd St Garage are free all day on Saturdays.

3rd Session: **Research at the County Courthouse**

Both classes are FREE and available to non-members too.

COMPUTER USERS GROUP (CUG)

Saturday, March 28, 2017

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Debbie Pearson will chair CUG this year. This class includes hands-on computer time in the Intel Lab at the Central Branch Library. Time will be spent in instruction with time to explore the web using what you have learned. Space is limited to FWL computers available.

3rd Session: **Courthouse Records Found On-Line**



SAVE THE DATE!

September 9, 2017

FWGS End Of Summer Seminar

with Lisa Louise Cooke

Trimble Tech HS, Fort Worth

Please Reserve that date NOW for another wonderful day with Lisa spent on Technology in Your Genealogy. You are sure to learn new techniques for your Genealogical Quests.



Pioneer Families of Tarrant County

Did you know that FWGS sponsors a Heritage Group within the society dedicated to preserving the lineages of Tarrant County's Pioneer Families? PFoTC was a favorite project of former FWGS President and Board member, Joe Grant. To qualify, an applicant must submit documentation of your direct lineage back to the ancestor who resided in Tarrant County in or before 1870. Application blanks can be downloaded from the FWGS web site along with more on research & rules.

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/html/pioneer_families.html

The Following are the **Charter Members** of Pioneer Families of Tarrant County and their ancestors:

Charter Members 2005

Joe Ellis Ericson	Ruth Smith Brown (1850)
Doris Ray Taylor	Archibald Franklin Leonard (1848)
	John Arnold Mugg, Sr. (1865)
Annie Lee Clark	James Hardesty (1854)
	John Hardesty (1854)

Charter Members 2006

Deborah McVean	Daniel McVean (1857)
Gladys Wylie	Archibald Franklin Leonard (1848)
	John Arnold Mugg, Sr. (1865)

The following are Ancestors approved for other PFoTC members:

- Rachel Cameron Overton (1851)
- Hiram A. Walker (1844)
- Dizanna Catherine Throop (1850)
- Lucinda Catherine Foster (1846)
- Isaac Power (1853)
- Mary Jane Power (1853)
- Jacob Albert Zinn (1863)
- James Kidwell (1855)
- Andrew Jackson Edwards (1867)
- John Thomas Hill (1867)
- James Oliver Teague (1870)
- Hiram A. Gray (1858)
- Joseph Collin Brownfield (1867)
- Roger Jackson Tandy (1855)
- George Edward Tandy (1855)
- Isaac Ellis Thomas (1848)
- Christopher Columbus McKinney (1853)
- Elizabeth Catherine Moore (1853)
- General Marion Teague (1859)
- Elizabeth Bales Teague (1859)
- Lytle Buford Creswell (1857)
- William Creswell (1861)
- Ripley Allen Arnold (1849)

If you see one of your direct ancestors on these lists, you will most likely qualify for Pioneer Families. If you use the link (to the left) you will find an index. Click the letter of the surname you seek. Perhaps, you will find them in one of these records compiled into the index: 1850 Census of Tarrant County, Tax Lists from 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1860, 1863 and 1864, 1867 List of Registered Voters, First Settlers of Tarrant County Texas (land grant abstracts), Cemetery Records of Burials 1870 & Earlier (partial), & List of Early Tarrant County Sheriffs. Also try: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txtarran/>



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Membership Application & Renewal Form - ☆ - Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Individual Membership - \$23
⇒ \$20 if paid before the new year begins

Family Membership - \$27
⇒ \$25 if paid before the new year begins

Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more

Contributing Membership - \$250 or more

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail Address: _____

(Your email address will be added to our mailing list in order for you to receive local announcements.)

This membership application is for: 2017 2018 New Renewal